(b) and (c) While REC schemes have varying completion periods ranging upto 5 years, the works to be taken up under the schemes have to be restricted within the allocation made on year to year basis. The overall targets fixed by the Planning Commission for REC financial programmes for village electrifications and pumpset energisation on year to year basis have been fully achieved during the Seventh Plan as also in 1990-91.

Closure of rural electrification corporation scheme

1036. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Rural Electrification Schemes sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation as on the 31st March, 1991;

(b) what is the total number of Rural Electrification Schemes which are (i) closed (ii) inoperative (ii) operatonal;

(c) what is the numebr of elosed schemes, which had achieved targets upto (i) 100 per cent (ii) 75 per cent to 100 per cent (iii) 50 per cent to 75 per cent (iv) 25 per cent to 50 per cent and (v) below 25 per cent; and

(d) what are the reasons for closure of Rural Electrification Schemes with less than 100 per cent achievement of the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The total number of rural electrification schemes sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation upto 31.3.199-2 was 23,071.

(b) 4802 schemes have been closed. 8845 schames are considered inoperative and 9414 schemes are operational.

(c) The level of achievement of targets in respect of closed schemes are as under: —

	No. of schemes
(0 100%	2339
(ii) 75-100%	1002
(iii) 50-75%	798
(iv) 25—50%	514
(v) below 25%	149

(d) The REC's schemes have varying completion periods ranging upto 5 years. However, the works on the scheme have to be restricted within the annual allocations, resulting in certain initially envisaged programmes not being taken up fully. Load development are also affected due to erratic and poor availability of supply, lack of credit support to consumers etc.

Supply of Gas in Himachal Pradesh villages

1037. SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of village and P.O. Jangla area Tehsil Chirgaon, District Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) are denied LPG connections from Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supply Corporation Rohru, District Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) on the grounds that these are situated at a distance of more than 16 Km.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, whether Government are considering a proposal to provide LPG connections to the people of the aforesaid village from Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supply Corporation, Rohru (Shimla) Himachal Pradesh?